

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. Last evening the committee of Councils on Fire and Trusts considered the propriety of repealing the supplementary ordinance which virtually makes the commissioners sub-servient to the Councils. What conclusion was arrived at is unknown, as the reporters were asked out.

Foreign Affairs. Large shipments of swine are being made to Japan from California.

The bill making Decoration Day a national holiday will all probability fail.

The American House, at Painesville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

The Germans generally throughout the United States are rejoicing over the fall of Paris by making public demonstrations.

There is an effort being made by the United States authorities to break up the custom, in vogue in California, of blackmailing the Chinese merchants.

The Halliday House, at Kenosha, Wis., early yesterday morning was destroyed by fire, and a Mrs. Merrill and four children perished in the flames.

The public buildings question having been referred to the Committee on Municipal Corporations of the Legislature, it has reported that the will of the people, as expressed by their votes, must stand intact.

The National Labor party contemplate sending delegates from all of the States to meet in convention at Columbus, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in October, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency of the United States.

Foreign Affairs. The Germans will enforce rigid passport regulations during the armistice.

The debate on the papal guarantees in the Italian Parliament has closed.

The Prussians are driving cattle into Paris to feed the half-starved inhabitants.

The distress existing among the people of Paris is represented as being very great.

Bourbaki's army is encircled on the Swiss frontier by the forces of General Manteuffel.

The assembling of the London Conference is again postponed on account of the illness of Lord Granville.

Immense quantities of provisions are being forwarded to Paris, and great efforts are being made to restore the railways.

Prince Frederick Charles has communicated the stipulations of the armistice to General Chauzy, and asks whether he regards them as binding on him.

WAR NOTES. Horrible sufferings of the wounded French. The Casualty correspondent of the London Times writes:

The other day I had a most horrible sight of human suffering. About 1500 prisoners arrived at midnight, on their way from Frankfurt to Stettin, in open railway trucks, no other carriages being available.

When the train started from Frankfurt in the morning the thermometer was above freezing point, but in the course of the day such a sudden change set in that in the evening the glass marked many degrees below it.

They were scantily clothed, and some of them without great coats, which they had sold, buying tobacco with the money; others had thin cotton stockings and wooden shoes; others again had nothing at all on their feet.

Lying in the same open trucks which conveyed them from Frankfurt to the theatre, they were in a most miserable plight, and the grating of some of the poor sufferers was fearful.

After their arrival they were distributed in the waiting-rooms of the station and in the barracks, where they received restoratives in the shape of coffee, soup, and meat. Warm clothes and blankets were given to many of them, and they continued their journey after a stoppage of fifteen hours, with the exception of about twenty, who were sent to the lazaretto.

When I saw them there they had first to be bathed. They were literally swarming with vermin. Some of them, being Mobiles, were mere boys of sixteen, and again men above fifty; others had served in the line, and all of them were suffering from exhaustion or pulmonary affection.

Naval Power. One of the reported conditions of peace offered by Bismarck is that France shall cede to Germany some of her colonial possessions.

What does this indicate? That Prussia, having achieved supremacy on land, next applies to become a great naval power.

That the decay of the maritime greatness of France is to be followed by the accession of Germany to the rank once held by her conquered and demoralized rival? Or is it only in lieu of any better attainable conditions?

It would be difficult to fix at this juncture the precise limits of Bismarck's views touching the future development of Fatherland. That this ambition should expand in proportion to the opportunities which the result of this war has opened up, and by what methods and to what ends the great statesman who controls Germany will exert the forces at his disposal, is a question surrounded by too many difficulties at present to determine.

That one of these ends, however, will be the building up of a vast commercial and naval power, is altogether likely, and this view is strongly confirmed by the proposal by which reference has been made, as well as by the demand that France shall surrender a certain number of her ships of war.

Elephant on Toast. A Paris letter says:—We have just killed Castor and Pollux, the two elephants lately installed at the Jardin d'Acclimation, and upon the backs of which, in happier times, so many children of all ages and sexes used to take a ride in the Bois de Boulogne.

Pollux was the first to fall, done to death by an explosive bullet, the triumph of the great gunmaker's (M. Devism's) skill. The ball struck behind the right shoulder, and bursting internally, produced a terrible hemorrhage in the bowels.

The huge beast bore the wound patiently, and after flooding the cage with blood, expired without a struggle. Castor was slain by a young Englishman, Mr. Milne Edwards, who aimed at the head in preference to the heart.

The ball struck on the right temple, and Castor, after a shrill cry of surprise and pain, sank upon his knees. The second bullet struck him in the centre of the little hollow cavern, sunk into the forehead, and upon receiving the third he fell dead instantly. To-night the restaurant at Peter's in the Passage des Princes, is crowded with French gastronomes, eager to taste the flesh of a new animal.

A Michigan man has been fined \$300 just for knocking another man down with his fist and killing him.

THE MASONS AND THE WAR.

The Co-operation of the European Masons to Amalgamate the Masters of War-tickets of the Fraternity in Behalf of Peace. The following extracts, which have been translated from the Leipzig Illustrirte Zeitung of the dates given, will be interesting to the Masons of this country, as showing what their European brethren have been and are doing to mitigate the horrors of the war now raging between France and Germany:—

Sept. 17, 1870.—Immediately after the beginning of the present war, the Masonic Lodge at Halle sent forth an appeal to French Masons, asking them to interest themselves in their German brethren who might be taken prisoners, and to facilitate their intercourse with their friends at home, promising at the same time to perform the like kind offices for French prisoners. From the French papers which have published this appeal, it appears that it was favorably received. A member of one of the most prominent of the Parisian lodges announced in the Masonic press that he held himself ready to assist any German Freemason who might need help in the reverses of war.

Sept. 24, 1870.—From all parts of Germany we have news of the active part which Masonic lodges in different cities are taking in the benevolent work growing out of the war. Not only in those places which are near the scene of warfare, but also from those far distant, come these accounts; as, for instance, the lodge in Interburg, in East Prussia, has given up its hall for a hospital for wounded soldiers. As a general thing, the contributions are all sent to the committee appointed by the lodges at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and from there distributed wherever needed. Berlin, of course, does a good share of the work for the wounded. Five of the lodges there, which belong to one grand lodge, have together given 6000 thalers from their treasury, besides about 1000 thalers from individual members, and they have offered nearly all of their halls for hospital purposes. And smaller lodges are equally active, according to their ability. The lodge in Ludwigsberg (Wurtemberg), for instance, has established in their hall a little hospital for just four wounded men, who are cared for and attended only by members of the lodge. It has been occupied since August 14th by four men from North Germany wounded at Woerth, and on August 30th it was visited by the King.

Oct. 1, 1870.—The Grand Lodge of Switzerland issued at Lausanne, on Sept. 3, a manifesto to other Masonic lodges, desiring a speedy restoration of peace. It rejects the idea that the present war is one between races. "We Swiss," say they, "unite in one language the German, French, Italian, and Latin, and we, who stand by no means in the lowest rank of the Roman and the Germanic races, declare that it is impossible for us to perceive that this strife has the slightest connection with any question of race. France and Germany, representing the Roman and Germanic races, lose very much this distinction at the present day," etc., etc. They appeal for help, "not so much for the victims of the battle-field, as to heal the bleeding wounds to national pride." They remind their brethren of the civilizing work of Freemasonry—of all that it has hitherto done to reconcile those separated by political position or religious fanaticism, and they hope for the same success now in bringing an end to this war as they have had in the suppression of slavery. The Grand Lodge, formed of deputies from all Swiss Masonic Lodges, has also issued forth a manifesto, calling upon both the contending parties to consider terms of peace.

Oct. 8, 1870.—According to the Baukette, the organ of Freemasons, the collections of all the English lodges for the families of German soldiers in the field have amounted to 470,000.

Oct. 22, 1870.—As from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, so also from one of the most influential lodges of Belgium, that of "The Friends of Man" (Menschenfreunde), in Brussels, there has gone forth a plea for peace in the form of an appeal to German and French Masons. It concludes with the words, "It is high time that men should keep their powers for conquests in the kingdom of mind and of knowledge. We invite you all to unite in a strong effort to restore peace to the world. It is possible, we believe, to reach this end. It remains to be proved whether the civilization of Europe is equal to the task, but it must not be forgotten that little is accomplished so long as anything is still left to be done in the cause of justice." At the head of the list of signatures stands the name of the Burgomaster of Brussels.

Immediately after the surrender of Strasburg the Masonic lodges at Worms called for a subscription among the members of the Order, for the unfortunate inhabitants of the conquered city.

Oct. 29, 1870.—German Masonic Lodges have, as we expected from the spirit and aims of the order, taken their full share in the varied and wide-extended works of benevolence to which the present war has given birth. We hear from all quarters where lodges are found of halls being offered for hospitals, of organized work in the care of sick and wounded, in which women also are of course active, and of generous gifts of money. After the taking of Strasburg, the fate of the unhappy people of that city and of Kehl has moved the lodge at Karlsruhe and the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes" at Berlin to a special appeal for large contributions on their behalf.

Nov. 5, 1870.—A correspondent of the Daily News mentions several instances in the present war of soldiers opposing each other, and in the moment of deadly peril recognizing each other as Freemasons, which has caused them to show mercy to the conquered and kindness to the wounded and the prisoner. The Masonic Lodge at Mannheim, on the 29th of September, the day after the surrender of Strasburg, placed at the disposal of the officers of the lodge there the sum of 1000 francs.

The Masonic order is extending in Hungary; new lodges having been formed in Kaschau and Arad, and also in Pesth; a lodge established in 1780 has received a fresh impetus through the encouragement of the Hungarian ministry.

A Masonic circle has been formed during the last summer in Munich.

Colonel Frapoli, before his departure to France, gave to Garibaldi his formal resignation as Grand Master of Italian Lodges. The Grand Orient in Florence, however, accepted it, which is looked upon as a disapprobation of the step taken by Frapoli.

Nov. 15, 1870.—The Grand Lodge of Italy, in Florence, has decided to remove its permanent sittings to Rome.

During his stay in Edinburgh the Prince of Wales was solemnly installed as Protector of the Scottish Masonic lodges.

The only German lodge in Paris which has held its meetings up to August 15, has, since the declaration of war, received from many French lodges expressions of friendliness and sympathy, which are made public by those

of the former who have gone to Switzerland, and who now acknowledge the same with gratitude. The same lodge, besides its gifts to the general hospital opened by the Paris lodges, sent also to the lodge at Mannheim, at the beginning of the war, a contribution in response to their appeal for the wounded of both armies.

Nov. 19, 1870.—The Crown Prince of Denmark was on the 1st of November received into the order of Masonry by the King of Sweden, and will be at the head of the Danish lodges.

In German lodges in North America contributions have been made for the families of fallen German soldiers.

A society, quite widely extended in the United States of America, formed somewhat after the model of Freemasonry, desires to plant itself also in Germany. It is called the "Order of Odd-Fellows," and has for its main object the care of the sick and support of the widows of its members. Its attempt to establish itself here has only been hindered by the present war. It has in the State of New York alone more than 20,000 members, and has in the last year given nearly \$60,000 in charities.

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HENRY HUHN, President of Common Council.

Attest— BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council. SAMUEL W. CATTELL, President of Select Council.

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